local sales tax by declaring it as "deemed export". It will reduce the losses to the extent of pament of sales tax on ATF.

Modernisation of Central Training Establishment, Hyderabad

947. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots undergoing training at the Central Training Establishment, Hyderabad;

(b) the steps taken by Government to modernise the CTE;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pilots after obtaining training and working for a short time with Indian Airlines/Air India are migrating to other airlines; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to stop migration of pilots to other airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The number of Pilots undergoing training in the Central Training Establishment are as under:—

– 63 Training Pilots for Induction Course of Airbus 320.

– 34 External Candidates for Endorsement Training on Boeing 737.

— 7 Pilots for A320 Conversion Course.

— 7 Pilots for A320 Endorsement Course.

Total 111

(b) Keeping in view the latest development in Information Technology, C.T.E. has embarked on modernizing the training infrastructure—the aim is to computerize the classroom training, examination process, evaluation, record keeping, fee back, training administration and Indian Airlines is joining the membership of TRAINAIR Programme of ICAO which will entitle Indian Airlines to conduct Standardized Training Packages of Inernational Standard for Operation Crew in the Region.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Pilots do not leave Air India/Indian Airlines after obtaining training and working for a short period

since pilots have to execute a bond of five years service in Air India and 10 years service in Indian Airlines.

However, One hundered and eighty six (186) pilots resigned from Indian Airlines during the years 1991 to 2001 (upto 15th July, 2001). Of these, resignations of 12 Pilots in the year 2000, who did not give the requisite notice period, have not been accepted.

Indian Airlines has no information regarding the employment of these Pilots by other airlines.

Following major steps have been taken to prevent the Pilots from leaving Indian Airlines.

* The period required for serving notice of resignation has been increased from 1 month to 6 months.
* Issuance of Aeronautical Information Circular (AIC) by DGCA on 25.2.1993 which made it necessary for an Air Taxi Operator (ATO) to employ only such Pilots as had 'No Objection Certificate' from Indian Airlines.
* Increasing the value of bond from Rs. 35,000 in 1998 to Rs. 10 lakhs with a minimum service of 10 years.
* Signing of Productivity Linked Agreement in January, 1996 linking pilots emoluments to hourly rate of flying and revised career growth pattern.

Security arrangement at Raja Sansi Airport

948. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Raja Sansi International Airport is still bereft of the promised beefing up of a security even after hijacking incidents of IC-814 to Kandhar in December, 1999; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the security arragement are likely to be made so at to avoid such type of incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) To beef up the security at Raja Sansi International Airport, Amritsar the following important security measures have been initiated: